

2018 Review of UK Parliament constituencies
Constituency considerations for Glasgow City, East Dunbartonshire and
West Dunbartonshire council areas

Action required

1. The Commission is invited to consider alternative designs of constituencies for Glasgow City and East Dunbartonshire council areas in furtherance of its 2018 Review of UK Parliament constituencies.

Background

2. At its meeting of 5 September 2016, the Commission considered Paper 2016/30 and 3 options for 8 constituencies exactly covering the combined extents of East Dunbartonshire, West Dunbartonshire and Glasgow City council areas.
3. The Commission agreed that the design of Option 2 could potentially be improved by a number of minor amendments, as shown at Appendix A. These included to the boundary of the proposed West Dunbartonshire & Bearsden constituency as it meets the proposed Milngavie & Kirkintilloch constituency to the north of Bearsden and to the west of the A809 road. In addition the Commission asked that the Secretariat investigate the possibility of aligning the proposed boundary between the Glasgow North and Glasgow West constituencies more closely with the existing constituency boundary near Summerston.
4. This paper presents a further 2 options for constituencies in East Dunbartonshire, Glasgow City and West Dunbartonshire council areas, offering amendments to boundaries between Milngavie and Kirkintilloch and West Dunbartonshire and Bearsden North constituencies, between North Glasgow and West Glasgow constituencies and between Glasgow South East and Glasgow South West constituencies.

Options**Option 4**

5. Option 4 (see Appendix B) offers an alternative constituency boundary between the proposed Glasgow North constituency and Glasgow West constituency by amending the boundary near Summerston to place more of ward 15 (Maryhill / Kelvin) in Glasgow North constituency, and between Milngavie and Kirkintilloch constituency and West Dunbartonshire and Bearsden North constituency to place part of ward 1 (Milngavie) that lies to the west of the A809 road in the West Dunbartonshire and Bearsden North constituency.
6. The electorate and ward composition resulting from these changes are shown in the table below:

constituency	Electorate	Wards
Glasgow North	71,446	Glasgow City - 10pt, 15pt, 16, 17, 18pt, 21
Glasgow West	77,800	Glasgow City – 12pt, 13, 14, 15pt
Milngavie and Kirkintilloch	71,043	East Dunbartonshire – 1pt, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8
West Dunbartonshire and Bearsden North	77,809	East Dunbartonshire – 1pt, 2 West Dunbartonshire - All

7. As can be seen in Appendix B, the proposed boundary between West Dunbartonshire and Bearsden North constituency and Milngavie and Kirkintilloch constituency could not be aligned with the A809 road as it would leave Milngavie and Kirkintilloch constituency around 10 electors short of the minimum number allowed by the legislation. The boundary instead follows field boundaries north and west of High Craigton and Low Craigton.

Option 5

8. An alternative to the transfer of Summerston between constituencies, which seeks to improve connectivity in the southwest of Milngavie and Kirkintilloch constituency, would be to adopt an alternative boundary within Bearsden itself. Appendix C makes use of the community council boundary along Manse Road in Bearsden before following Milngavie Road (A81) north to the ward boundary. This would place all of Bearsden East Community Council area within a single constituency and enables the boundary in the northwest to follow the A809 road, but results in the division of East Dunbartonshire ward 2 (Bearsden North) between constituencies.
9. The electorate and ward composition resulting from this amendment are shown in the table below:

constituency	Electorate	Wards
Milngavie and Kirkintilloch	71,594	East Dunbartonshire – 1pt, 2pt, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8
West Dunbartonshire and Bearsden North	77,258	East Dunbartonshire – 1pt, 2pt West Dunbartonshire - All

Glasgow South West and Glasgow South East constituencies

10. While undertaking quality assurance checks, the Secretariat identified a numerical error in the constituency electorate counts in the south of Glasgow, the correction of which resulted in the proposed Glasgow South East constituency being below the minimum number of electors required by the legislation. The Secretariat suggests that the following amendments (see Appendix D) could be made to the proposals to provide parity in this constituency:

- Amend the boundary in Cathcart to follow the railway line instead of the White Cart Water, transferring around 1,600 electors from Glasgow South West constituency to Glasgow South East constituency, and
- Amend the boundary in Pollokshaws to follow the White Cart Water rather than the railway line and Pollokshaws Road, transferring 1,500 electors from Glasgow South West constituency to Glasgow South East constituency.

11. The resulting electorates and ward composition of these constituencies are as shown in the table below:

constituency	Electorate	Wards
Glasgow South East	72,479	Glasgow City - 1, 2pt, 6pt, 7, 8
Glasgow South West	73,477	Glasgow City – 2pt, 3, 4, 6pt

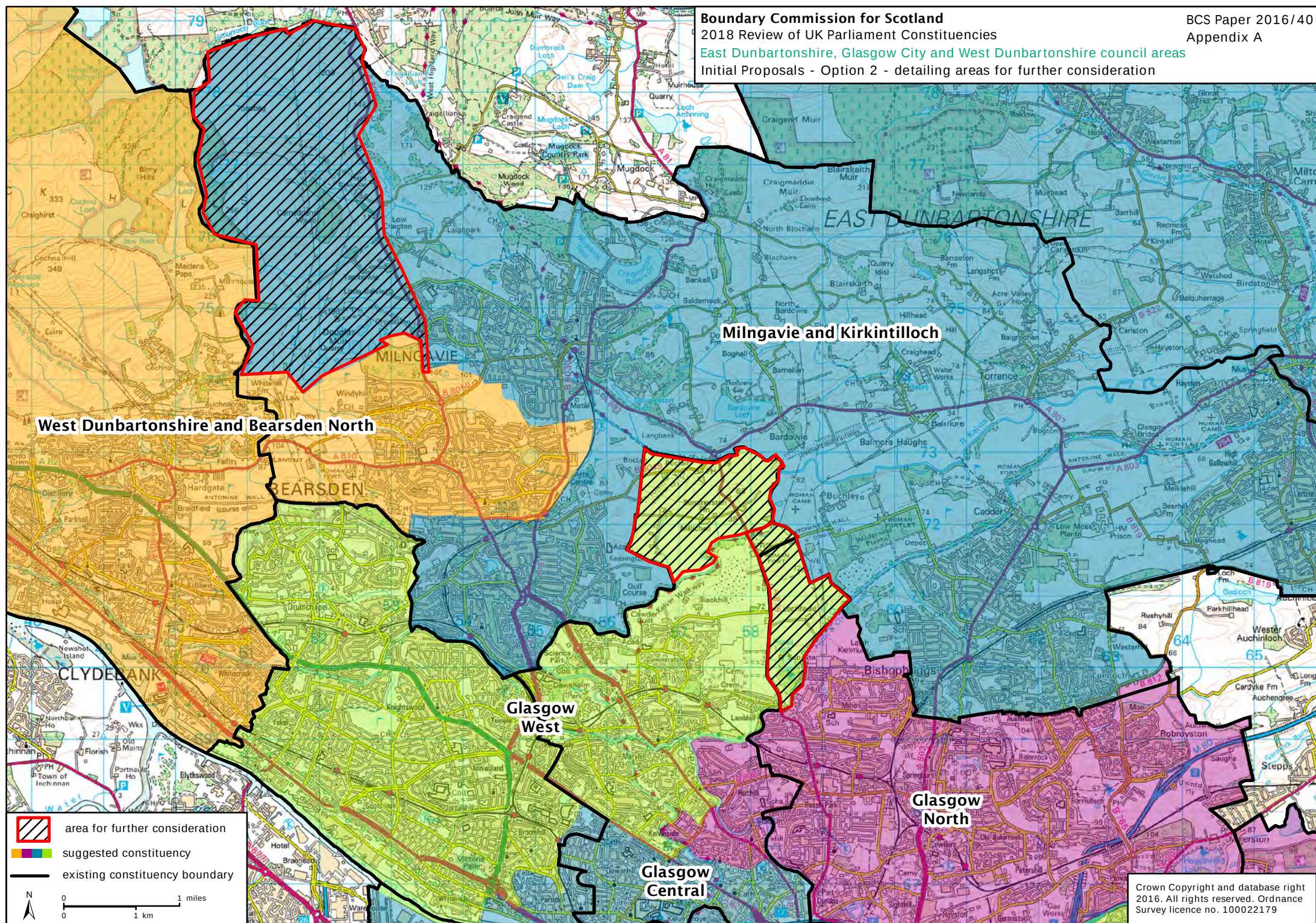
Discussion

12. The configuration of ward and council area boundaries near Bearsden can result in oddly-shaped constituencies when these boundaries are used as constituency boundaries. Both options 4 and 5 attempt to increase the compactness of constituencies in the area: option 4 transfers a large rural area near Milngavie; option 5 transfers a larger rural area near Milngavie and an urban area in Bearsden.
13. While option 5 requires the division of East Dunbartonshire ward 2 as well as ward 1, it enables more easily-identifiable boundaries to be adopted west of Milngavie and avoids the division of a community council area in Bearsden.
14. The transfer of Lochfauld from Glasgow West constituency to Glasgow North constituency enables the proposed boundary to follow the existing constituency boundary, but no longer enables the existing ward boundary to be followed.
15. Consideration was given to the inclusion of the area near Summerston in the Milngavie and Kirkintilloch constituency, but it would result in a constituency that includes parts of 2 council areas and require Glasgow City Council area to be grouped with another council area. The Secretariat suggests that the additional administrative complexity brought about would not be justified in this instance.
16. Amendment to proposed constituencies in the south of Glasgow is necessary to provide compliance with the legislative electorate limits. The suggested boundary follows in part the new ward boundaries resulting from the Local Government Boundary Commission for Scotland's 5th Reviews of electoral arrangements in Scotland.

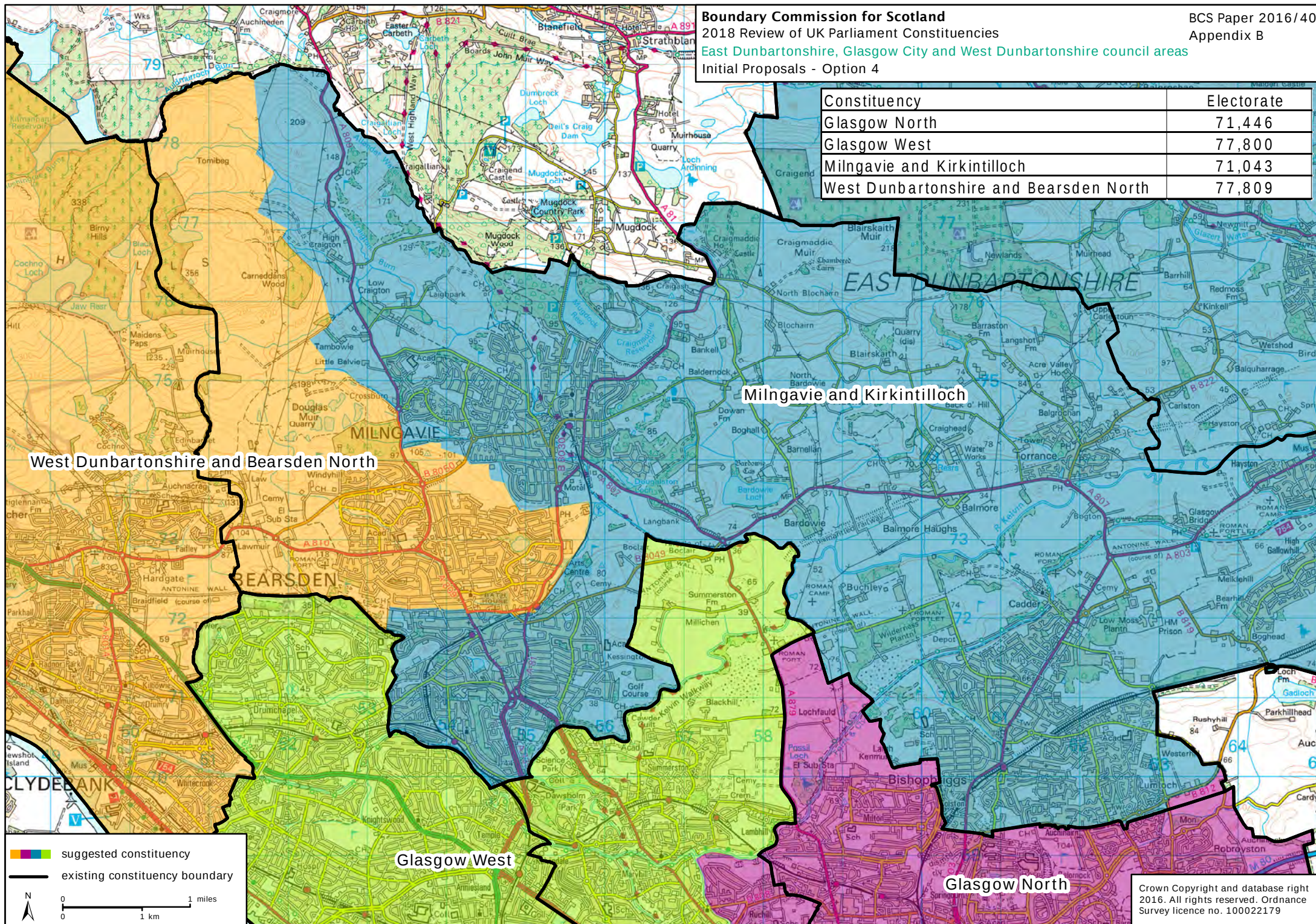
Conclusion

17. The Commission is invited to agree its initial proposals for public consultation, subject to satisfactory constituencies elsewhere in Scotland.

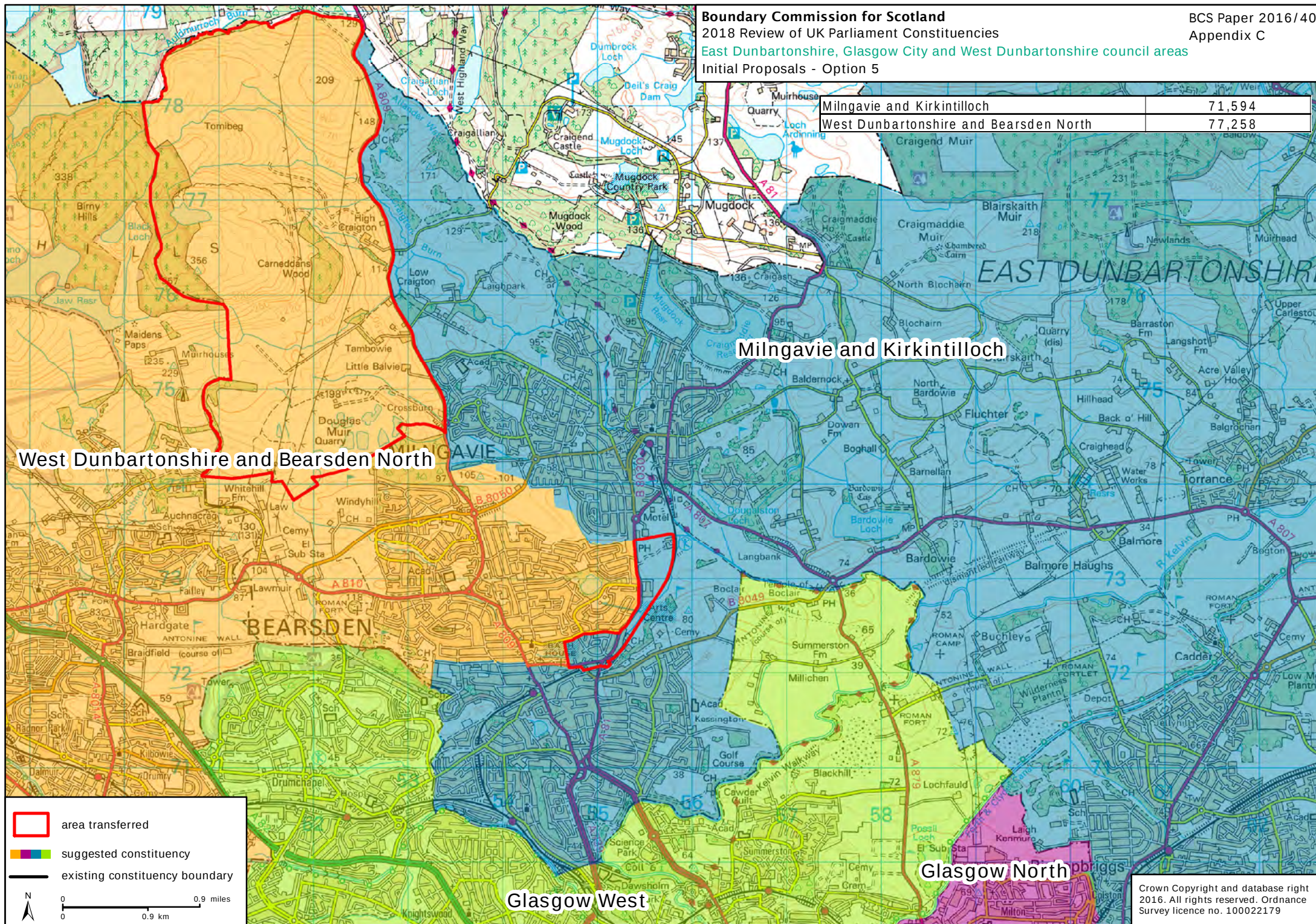
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BCS Paper 2016/40
Appendix D

